

MAY GIVE SCHOOLS  
TO COMMISSIONERSCongress Disgusted by the  
Existing Situation.

## TIRED OF THE SQUABBLE

Board Members Told to Be Care-  
ful of Procedure.

Burkett Resolution Brings Them to  
Capitol, but They Get Little En-  
couragement—Sensors Displeased  
and Members of the House Even  
More Aroused—System Believed to  
Be Faulty and May Be Changed.

That the controversy between the  
board of education and Supt. Chancellor, of  
the District public schools, which has result-  
ed in the trial of the superintendent on  
charges preferred by his judges, may re-  
sult in a revision of the school law is  
predicted by prominent members of Con-  
gress. It is considered a probability,  
among Senators who have studied the  
matter, that control of school affairs will  
again be vested in the District Commis-  
sioners.

Those who express this opinion decline  
to be quoted, but they say that unless  
the situation clears up in short order  
this outcome may be looked for. There  
is no disposition on the part of any Sena-  
tor to coerce the school board, nor is  
there any such disposition in the House.  
But members of both Houses who have  
the best interests of the District at heart  
declare that the present undignified con-  
dition cannot be permitted to continue.  
It is not now believed that Senator Bur-  
kett's resolution asking the suspension of  
the trial of Dr. Chancellor will again be  
heard of in the Senate, as the wholesome  
advice dealt out to the members of the  
board of education, which called upon the  
District Committee yesterday, is expected  
to lead to move slowly.

Sensors Gallinger and Burkett yester-  
day did not mince matters in talking over  
the situation with Capt. Oyster, presi-  
dent of the board of education, Mr.  
Ellen Spencer Mussey, a member of the  
House, and Assistant Superintendent  
Hughes, all of whom met in the  
District Committee room. Whether the  
meeting was the result of prearrangement  
was not divulged. Representative Smith,  
of Michigan, who is slated for chairman  
of the House Committee on the District  
of Columbia, came in during the inter-  
val, and it was made plain to the board  
members that the two Houses of Con-  
gress are a unit in desiring to end the  
school mess once and for all. They were  
told that their best course was to go  
very slowly in their present mode of pro-  
cedure, and to be guided by the prin-  
ciples of American justice than they have  
been doing in trying an absent, sick man on  
charges preferred by themselves, and with  
the verdict determined upon beforehand.

**Confirm Burkett's Information.**  
The charge made in the Senate on  
Thursday, that the verdict had been re-  
ached before the trial began, was sub-  
stantiated by the statement of the dele-  
gation of the board that it was deter-  
mined to get rid of Dr. Chancellor, and  
the implication that what the Senate  
might do in the matter would simply re-  
sult in the resignation of the entire board  
of education. The Senators endeavored  
to convince them of the fact that the  
entire controversy had been one cal-  
culated to alienate public confidence from  
the board, and told them plainly that if  
it were persisted in it would result in a  
popular demand for a less prejudiced body  
to decide between the contestants.  
Sensors who were seen yesterday de-  
clared that while sentiment in the Senate  
did not favor either side, it was the con-  
sensus of opinion that the undignified  
situation which exists should be terminated.  
It was stated, also, that sentiment in the  
House is even more averse to the tolera-  
tion of existing conditions, and that the  
abolition of the board of education was  
openly advocated there.

**Source of Amusement.**  
The members of neither House desire to  
put the body of which they are members  
to the test of holding the merits of the  
controversy itself. They view it as a  
ridiculous exhibition of bad temper on  
both sides, and members when asked  
about their personal opinions of the mat-  
ter treat it as a source of amusement.  
But it is the general belief that any sys-  
tem which permits such a spectacle to  
develop and hold an important depart-  
ment of civic government up to the ridi-  
cule of the country must have a serious  
flaw in it.

It is improbable that the Senate Dis-  
trict Committee will consider the resolu-  
tion of Senator Burkett before the resig-  
nation of the Senate after the Christ-  
mas recess. The call for a committee  
meeting will not be made unless Senator  
Burkett should request it, and it is con-  
sidered doubtful that a sufficient number  
of the members could be gotten together  
to constitute a quorum, even should a  
call be issued.

**Hard to Get a Quorum.**  
There are four vacancies on the com-  
mittee, which leaves but nine members.  
Seven members must be present to make  
up a quorum, and it is unlikely, in the  
opinion of Senator Gallinger, that this  
number can be brought together, owing to  
the approach of the holiday recess, which  
makes Senators averse to any matter  
which would be likely to involve such  
consideration as the many ramifications  
of the school controversy would  
make imperative. Action on the resolu-  
tion is expected, however, if the little heart-  
to-heart talk in the District Committee  
room should not bring forth the desired  
results.

**Says House Will Pass It.**  
Representative Smith, of Michigan, who  
is slated to be chairman of the House  
Committee on District Affairs, is expected  
on Monday night to introduce in the  
House the Burkett resolution providing  
that the school board shall not reach a  
conclusion in its present trial of Supt.  
Chancellor until after the matter has  
been laid before Congress.

A. S. Burleson, from Texas, a member  
of the District Committee, was of the  
opinion that there would be no trouble in  
the House in getting such a resolution  
through.  
"The sentiment in the House," said  
Mr. Burleson, "as I have been able to  
define it, is in favor of such a resolution,  
and I do not anticipate there will be  
much objection to it."

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia,  
Maryland, and Virginia—Rain to-  
day; partly cloudy and warmer  
to-morrow; increasing northeasterly  
winds.

## HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

**TELEGRAPHIC.**  
1—Fleet Officers Attend Ball at Old Point.  
1—Murphy and McCarren Bury Hatchet.  
1—Prayers Said for Mrs. Longworth.  
2—New Jersey Man Slain for Revenge.  
2—Capt. Chase Court-martialed.  
4—Harvard Student and Waitress Elope.  
4—Poor Weep for Mother McManus.  
4—Mrs. Peebles Tells Her Story.  
4—News of Maryland and Virginia.

## LOCAL.

1—Bell Telephone Ascribes Rival Concern.  
1—Bryce Recall Again Reported.  
2—Congress May Act in School Muddle.  
2—Trial of Dr. Chancellor Halted.  
3—Democrats Boom Gov. Johnson.  
3—Aired Horseman Passes Away.  
12—Masons Will Honor Washington.

## IDENTIFIES CORPSE AS SON.

**Woman Finds Another About to  
Bury the Remains of Her Boy.**  
Columbia, S. C., Dec. 13.—While at-  
tending the funeral of a young man,  
supposed to be Wilbur Langley, Mrs.  
Orr, a prominent woman of this city,  
identified the corpse as that of Louis  
Sewell, her son by a former marriage.  
The recognition created a scene in  
the church, where the funeral services  
were being held. No one had doubted  
that the corpse was that of Wilbur  
Langley.

Mrs. Langley had accepted the body  
as that of her son, and she and other  
relatives of young Langley viewed it  
and wept over it as such. At first Mrs.  
Langley resented Mrs. Orr's claim to  
the body, but friends prevented an out-  
break, and it was interred, mourned by  
both women.

Three hours after the burial, Wilbur  
Langley arrived at his mother's home,  
astonished to learn that he had been  
mourned as dead. The mistake was  
caused by the dead man having one of  
Langley's cards in his pocket.

## LACK OF STAMP NEARLY FATAL.

**Prisoner Saved from Death Chair  
Despite Carelessness with Mail.**  
Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 13.—John Soley,  
of Cleveland, who murdered his sweetheart,  
came near being executed to-day in spite  
of the fact that the commutation papers  
from the governor had been mailed to  
the warden of the State penitentiary in  
this city.

Receiving no word from the governor  
last night, the warden prepared to exe-  
cute Soley. On second thought, he tele-  
phoned the governor and found that the  
papers had been mailed. The execution  
was, therefore, postponed.  
The papers were delivered to-day. They  
had been held up in the post-office for  
lack of postage. The papers proved to  
be a commutation of the death sentence  
of Soley to life imprisonment.

## PRAY FOR MRS. LONGWORTH

**Jewish Children of Baltimore Want  
Her Restored to Health.**

**Exercises Include Recital of Chap-  
ters from Psalms Arranged in  
Form of Acrostic.**

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Baltimore, Md., Dec. 13.—Three hundred  
Hebrew school children joined in reciting  
a prayer asking that Mrs. Nicholas Long-  
worth be completely restored to health to-  
day. The Talmud Torah Wehose Muna-  
hah (Hebrew free school) was founded  
four years ago. Instructions are given  
in the English language and on all sub-  
jects pertaining to Judaism.

The prayer, which is the regular peti-  
tion for the sick contained in the prayer-  
book in use at the school, was recited in  
fervent tone in the Hebrew language,  
the name of Mrs. Alice Longworth being  
inserted in the proper places.  
The exercises included the recital by  
the pupils of the following chapters of  
King David's Psalms: 20, 22, 41, 102, 103,  
and 113.

The latter Psalm is divided into twenty-  
two sections of eight verses each, and  
each section appears in correct rotation  
under the head of one of the letters of the  
alphabet. The children of the school re-  
cited only those sections of Psalm cxix  
appearing under the letters containing the  
name "Alice Longworth." Twelve  
sections were therefore recited, two of  
which were repeated twice in the name.

## MRS. LONGWORTH DOING WELL

**President's Daughter Recovers from  
Operation for Appendicitis.**  
At a late hour last night Mrs. Nicholas  
Longworth, who recently underwent an  
operation for appendicitis at the White  
House, was resting comfortably.  
The physicians believe there will be no  
complications, and that Mrs. Longworth  
will be fully recovered in about two  
weeks.

## Jailed for Kissing a Girl.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 13.—Joseph  
Belserwitz, of this city, must serve ten  
months in jail for trying to compel  
Miss Ethel Thomas to give him a kiss.  
The indignant girl whom he had clasped  
in his arms and tried to kiss had him  
arrested and he was convicted of assau-  
lt and battery.

## Girl Tries to Enter Army.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 13.—Dressed in  
boy's clothes, Miss Catherine Andrews  
called at the recruiting office to-day to  
enlist in the United States army. Ser-  
geant Hall penetrated her disguise, and  
spoiled what the girl said was only a lark.

**\$125 to Baltimore and Return.**  
Every Saturday and Sunday via Penn-  
sylvania Railroad. Tickets good returning  
until Sunday night. All regular trains  
except "Congressional Limited."

## WORKING ON THE RAILROAD.



## ABSORBED BY BELL

Chesapeake and Ohio Tele-  
phone Company's Deal.

## GETS CONTROL IN MARYLAND

**By Terms of Consolidation, Involving  
Capitalization of \$60,000,000,  
American Bell Telephone Company  
of Philadelphia Will Be in Absolu-  
te Charge in District.**

All telephone interests in Maryland  
passed into control of the Bell people  
yesterday, when the Chesapeake and  
Potomac Telephone Company absorbed  
the Maryland Telephone Company.

The Chesapeake and Potomac Tele-  
phone Company of Baltimore is prepar-  
ing to consolidate with the Bell Tele-  
phone Company of Philadelphia and the  
Pennsylvania Telephone Company. These  
are all licensees of the American Bell  
Telephone Company operating in New  
Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Mary-  
land, the District of Columbia, Virginia,  
and West Virginia.

## Are Not Competitors.

The companies involved operate more  
than 300,000 telephones and are not com-  
petitors. They do not operate parallel or  
competing lines in any territory.  
The object of the consolidation, accord-  
ing to the management's statement, is to  
"secure greater economy and efficiency in  
administration and operation, and in-  
creased means for financing future exten-  
sions and enlargements."

The authorized capital stock of the new  
company will be \$60,000,000. This will re-  
tire the old stock, discharge the floating  
indebtedness of all the companies, and  
provide for several years' growth.  
These companies have heretofore been  
operated on a friendly basis, but each  
was jealous of the territory it served,  
and would resent any invasion by the  
other. Hence it was deemed an economi-  
cal move to bring all under one manage-  
ment.

## DARROW EXAMINES ORCHARD.

**Pettibone's Attorney Makes Witness  
Tell of Years of Crime.**  
Boise, Idaho, Dec. 13.—For three hours  
to-day Harry Orchard, in the trial of  
George A. Pettibone for the murder of  
former Governor Frank Steunenburg,  
was under the cross-fire of Attorney  
Clarence Darrow.

Little effort was made by Darrow to  
confuse the witness, his chief aim seem-  
ing to be to discredit Orchard because of  
the life he led for ten years before his arrest.

Special attention was given to Orchard's  
crimes before he knew Meyer, Haywood,  
and Pettibone. Darrow said he would  
conclude his cross-examination of Orchard  
to-morrow, and Attorney Hawley said  
that the State would rest its case not  
later than next Thursday.

## GIRLS IN FIRE PANIC.

**Seven Firemen and a Policeman  
Overcome by Smoke.**

New York, Dec. 13.—Seven firemen  
and a policeman were overcome by smoke,  
and 700 girls were thrown into a small  
panic, by a fire on the ninth floor of  
the Huyler candy factory, at 134 to 136  
East Eighteenth street, at 8 o'clock to-  
night.

Lieut. Euster of Engine 14, is in Belle-  
vue Hospital in a critical condition. Fir-  
men Vernon M. Kenna, of Engine 14, and  
Charles Thole, of Engine 25, are also in  
Bellevue.

On account of the holiday rush the 700  
girls employed in Huyler's have been  
working nights of late. All succeeded in  
reaching the street in safety. Many of  
them had to be helped out by the firemen.  
The fire caused a loss of about \$10,000.

**A la Carte Lunch Served Daily**  
At Eckstein's from 12 to 3, 1412 N. Y. ave.

## MAN KILLED BY A HOG.

**Animal Rears and Knife Is Plunged  
Into Heart of Butcher.**  
Ravenna, Ohio, Dec. 13.—Breaking  
from one of two men engaged in butch-  
ering to-day, a 350-pound Yorkshire hog  
reared on its hind legs and pawed at  
John Bauman, forty years old, throwing  
him to the ground.

In the melee, the big knife in Bauman's  
hand was struck downward by the hog's  
paws and plunged into Bauman's heart.  
He died instantly.

The ground, moist with the blood of  
other hogs, was too slippery to afford  
safe footing, and Bauman went down to  
his death.

## SAY COULD GET SECURITIES.

**Thousands Taken from San Fran-  
cisco Bank Found in New York.**  
San Francisco, Dec. 13.—It was stated  
by officials of the district attorney's office  
to-day that the missing \$400,000 in secu-  
rities belonging to Colton Evans, and taken  
from the California Safe Deposit and  
Trust Company's custody by Walter J.  
Barnett and J. Dalzell Brown, officers of  
the defunct bank, had passed into pos-  
session of George J. Gould.

This statement was made by Deputy  
District Attorney William H. Cook. He  
said the information was given the offi-  
cers by David Walker.

## UNION MEN DEPORTED.

**Miners at Goldfield Not Required to  
Sign Agreement.**

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 13.—It was an-  
nounced to-day that the mine owners  
will waive the card system of employ-  
ment. The State statute was called to  
their attention, making it a misdemeanor  
to require men to sign an agreement  
against their union membership, and in-  
stitution of the union to begin prosecution  
was responsible for this change of front.  
Banker Cook stated to-day that the pay-  
rolls would be met with gold only. The  
only points at issue now are wage re-  
duction and recognition of the union.  
Reports from several quarters are that  
deportations of union men have begun.

## SEA SWALLOWS \$1,399,600.

**Forty-five Persons Also Lost in Life-  
saving Zone.**  
In the zone of operations of the life  
saving service in the last fiscal year 338  
disasters occurred, involving 247 docu-  
mented vessels and 491 undocumented  
craft.

The annual report of Gen. Supt. S. I.  
Kimball, made public yesterday, says that  
35 of the endangered vessels were  
totally lost. The value of property im-  
periled was \$8,322,585, a much smaller  
amount than in the year before. The loss  
was \$1,399,600, as against \$2,750,000 in  
the fiscal year 1906.

Aboard the vessels meeting disaster  
there were 5,112 persons, of whom 45 were  
lost. The number of persons succored at  
life saving stations was 807.

## LUDLOW HOMESTEAD CLOSED.

**Historic Residence of Admiral to Be  
Vacated, Owing to Trip.**

Saville, L. I., Dec. 13.—Owing to Rear  
Admiral Nicoll Ludlow, retired, having  
an appointment to distant United States  
fortifications, requiring his absence from  
here for the next three years, he is pre-  
paring to close his historic Ludlow  
homestead, at Oakdale, L. I., by Janu-  
ary 1.  
Mrs. Ludlow, who was Miss McLean,  
of Washington, and is a sister of Mrs.  
Admiral Dewey, has the Ludlow prop-  
erty, it is said, in her own name, and  
has tired of Oakdale as a summer resort.  
It has not been learned whether Mrs.  
Ludlow will accompany the admiral on his  
three-year absence.

## Ends Life on Eve of Release.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 13.—With but  
twenty-four hours of his term to serve,  
Convict Polk Mackey, in the penitentiary  
here, committed suicide last night with  
a shoe knife. His mind, it is believed,  
suddenly became unbalanced.

**Good Furniture, 25 pieces of fine Furs**  
left over from the fur sale by public auc-  
tion, within the salesroom of Adam A.  
Wescher, 920 Pennsylvania ave. n.w., this  
morning at 10:30 o'clock.

## BURY THE HATCHET

Murphy and McCarren Agree  
to Forget the Past.

## TAMMANY LEADERS AT PEACE

**Score of Prominent New York Demo-  
crats Meet at Hoffman House and  
Situation in the State for Next Year  
Has a Brighter Outlook—Opposi-  
tion to Bryan Is Seen.**

New York, Dec. 13.—Charles F. Mur-  
phy and Senator McCarren met to-night,  
if the shaking of hands and a subsequent  
private talk together are indications of  
the end of the enmities which have kept  
them apart so long.

When they separated neither would ad-  
mit that their talk had been other than  
a little social chat, but the meeting was  
taken by those who saw the incident as  
meaning that in the Democratic State  
situation next year Murphy and McCarren  
will be found pulling together.

The incident happened at the Hoffman  
House. The meeting between Murphy and  
McCarren followed a dinner, at which  
were about a score of the leaders of the  
Democratic party of this county and of  
the State. Among them, in addition to  
Mr. Murphy, were William J. Conners,  
chairman of the Democratic State com-  
mittee; State Committeemen T. W. Fin-  
cane, of Rochester; J. J. Kennedy, of  
Buffalo, and Henry P. Burgard, of Buf-  
falo; Sheriff James Smith, of Buffalo;  
Norman E. Mack, the member from this  
county of the Democratic National Com-  
mittee, and Roger C. Sullivan, the na-  
tional committeeman from Illinois.

## Are Opposed to Bryan.

All of the men belonging to this State  
at the dinner are opposed to the nomi-  
nation of William J. Bryan, with the ex-  
ception of Mr. Mack.  
Mr. Burgard rose to his feet, and said  
he had a candidate to present, and asked  
that they drink to his health.  
"Who is he?" the guests called out.  
"David B. Hill," Mr. Burgard respond-  
ed. Just how the toast was received none  
of those at the dinner would say, except  
that every one cordially drank to the  
health of Mr. Hill.

## WABASH SEEKS AN OUTLET.

**Richmond Men See It in Incorpora-  
tion of Southern Road.**

Richmond, Va., Dec. 13.—The applica-  
tion to-day for a charter of incorporation  
for the Fredericksburg and Southern  
Railway Company is believed by railroad  
people to be the first move on the part  
of the Wabash system for an outlet in  
the South.

## PROUD OF SENATOR DAVIS.

**Constituents Hear Glowing Accounts  
of His Speech in the Senate.**

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 13.—"My speech  
raised h—," they came to scoff, but they  
remained to pray." This is the gist of a  
letter received in Little Rock to-day from  
Washington following several telegrams  
bordering on the same language from  
United States Senator Jeff. Davis, of  
Arkansas.

The Senator alluded to his maiden  
speech in the Senate. He failed to specify  
what he alluded to. The Senator also  
imparted the information in the nature  
of a complaint that certain telegrams  
which had been addressed to his constitu-  
ents in this State had been rejected by  
the telegraph companies in Washington.  
His following in this State is immensely  
pleased at the results of his maiden ef-  
forts. They say that he will prove to be  
a "bigger drawing-card" than Ben Till-  
man.

**With Increased Banking Facilities at**  
its new home, cor. 13th and H sts., Union  
Trust Co. invites accounts of every char-  
acter. Interest on all accounts, subject  
to check. U. S. government control.

## TESTIFIES AGAINST WALSH.

**Bank Examiner Charles H. Bosworth  
on Stand in Chicago.**

Chicago, Dec. 13.—National Bank Ex-  
aminer Charles H. Bosworth, upon whose  
information the Walsh banks were closed,  
to-day the witness stand against John R.  
Walsh to-day. He declared he made his  
first examination of the bank December  
2, 1905, and that he found the twenty-nine  
now famous memorandum notes, covering  
\$5,000,000 in loans to the Walsh railroads  
and other properties. Prior to that, Walsh  
had approached him, he testified, saying:  
"Do not criticize these notes; I am  
carrying these accounts in that way so  
that I will not have to reveal them to  
the clearing-house association."

Bosworth said further that after he had  
reported the notes to the Comptroller of  
the Currency, he warned Walsh that the  
notes had to be taken out, and that on  
Walsh's refusal to do so the bank was  
ultimately closed.

## BARGAIN-HUNTERS BALKED.

**Pawned Effects of Leopold's Daugh-  
ter Bought by Prince Philip.**

Vienna, Dec. 13.—Some years ago Prin-  
cess Louise, eldest daughter of King  
Leopold, and divorced wife of Prince  
Philip of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, whose  
creditors are seeking to sell the jewels  
bequeathed to her by her mother to sat-  
isfy their claims, pawned \$100,000 worth  
of dresses, furs, jewels, ornaments, and  
other possessions at the municipal pawn-  
shop here for \$12,000.

The articles, not having been redeemed  
within the specified time, were billed to  
be sold at auction to-morrow. Members  
of society and others have been flocking  
to inspect them during the past few days.

It is announced to-night that Prince  
Philip has bought all the articles, thus  
causing keen disappointment to the bar-  
gain-hunters.

## POLL SHOWS TAFT LEADING.

**Michigan Republicans Make Hughes  
Second Choice, Cannon Third.**

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13.—A poll of sev-  
enty Republican delegates to the Michigan  
constitutional convention, completed to-  
day, shows a majority in favor of Sec-  
retary Taft for the Presidential nomina-  
tion. The vote follows: Taft, 4; Hughes,  
12; Cannon, 5; Root, 2; Cortelyou, 1; La  
Follette, 1.

## WOULD SOLVE BANK PROBLEM.

**Vanderlip Suggests Combination of  
Scottish and German Systems.**

New York, Dec. 13.—Frank A. Van-  
derlip, vice president of the National  
City Bank, lectured at Columbia Uni-  
versity to-day on the modern bank.  
Mr. Vanderlip pointed out in his ad-  
dress that Canada, which is subject to  
all the conditions which exist here, has  
been enabled to pass through the flurry  
without any disturbance to its banking  
system and supplied the funds to move  
the crops in the Northwest, when our  
banks were helpless.

At the close of his speech he went  
into some of the remedial measures  
that have been suggested. On that  
point, Mr. Vanderlip said he believed  
that one ideal solution would combine  
the Scotch system of branch banks  
with the German system of a central  
bank of issue.

## BUILDER OF MONITOR DEAD

**Thomas Fitch Rowland Famous as  
an Engineer and Designer.**

**Constructed First Ironclad War  
Ship for John Ericsson in 1861.  
Built Others Later.**

New York, Dec. 13.—Thomas Fitch Row-  
land, one of the best-known marine en-  
gineers and ship builders in the country,  
and the builder of the Monitor, died to-  
day at his home in this city.

He was born on March 15, 1831, in New  
Haven, Conn., and was a lineal descen-  
dant of Thomas Fitch, the last Colonial  
governor of New Haven. He had a com-  
mon school education and went to work  
for the New York, New Haven and Hart-  
ford Railroad at New Haven when a boy.

He left the railroad in 1850 to take a  
place with the Allied Iron Works, of  
New York City. There he learned his  
profession as an engineer and designer.  
In 1860 he started upon his own account  
as head of the Continental Works, of this  
city, and in 1861 constructed the Monitor  
for John Ericsson. He also built the  
monitors Montauk, Catskill, Passaic,  
Onondaga, and many gunboats and fer-  
ry boats.

## BRYCE REPORT RENEWED.

**Understood Ambassador Has Been  
Ordered to Return Home.**

It is understood that Right Hon. James  
Bryce, King Edward's Ambassador, has  
received directions from his government  
to return home.  
Details of the communication said to  
have been received by the Ambassador  
were not obtainable, but the report, which  
has a good basis, fits in with a dispatch  
from London, printed last Sunday, in  
which it was said Mr. Bryce would return  
to London early next year to consult the  
foreign office, and that he would not  
return to Washington, probably.

At that time Mr. Bryce said he had no  
intimation of any intention on the part  
of his government to recall him. It is in-  
dicated as a probability that Sir Henry  
Howard, British Minister at The Hague,  
will succeed him here. Sir Henry married  
Miss Riggs, of Washington, who died  
abroad this month.

## Girl Buys Big Plantation.

Mexico City, Dec. 13.—Miss Nellie  
B. Howard, of St. Joseph, Mo., who has  
been spending the past year upon a  
half million acre ranch in Western Mex-  
ico, which she and her associates own,  
has closed a deal for the purchase of a  
rubber and coffee plantation of 80,000  
acres, situated in the state of Oaxaca.  
The consideration is \$200,000 in gold.

## Baltimore and Return.

**Baltimore and Return, \$1.25.**  
Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains  
both ways, both days, except Royal Lim-  
ited. City offices, 1417 G st. and 619 Penn.  
ave.

GAY TIMES MARK  
FLEET'S DEPARTURE

Admiral Evans Honor Guest  
at Brilliant Ball.

## LEADING SOCIAL EVENT

Many Noted Persons Among the  
1,500 Participants.

**Jackies, Too, Are Enjoying the  
Hours of Relaxation Allotted to  
Them. Now That the Stern Necessi-  
ties of Duty Have Given Way to  
Play Time—Officers Speculate on  
the Outcome of the Cruise.**

Fort Monroe, Va., Dec. 13.—The work  
of preparing the great Pacific fleet for sea  
was practically completed with the close  
of to-day, and the remainder of the fleet's  
stay here will be playtime for officers and  
men.

The festivities commenced to-night with  
a magnificent ball at the Hotel Chamber-  
lin, Fort Monroe, given by Mr. and Mrs.